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ONI DECLASSIFICATION/RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS ON FILE

EDAC REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPPING AND CARGO DATA

1. General

The EDAC community is interested in obtaining, on a routine basis, information on vessels trading with the Soviet bloc and on cargoes moving in this trade.

Specifically the EDAC community would like to have ONI provide the following services:

- a. Compile a monthly report of vessel routing and cargo information on all non-Soviet bloc registered merchant vessels engaged in East-West trade and in intra-bloc trade between principal maritime areas.
- b. Compile a similar report for vessels of Soviet bloc registry.
- c. Maintain a central file on vessel and cargo movements in East-West and intra-bloc trade which reflects all information available to the U.S. Government on both subjects.
- d. Be prepared to service ad hoc requests from EDAC agencies for special compilations and analyses that would be based on information available in ONI files. (Such requests might arise in connection with Congressional presentations or inquiries, international negotiations, etc.)

2. Specific Requirements

a. Monthly Reports

The basic monthly compilations should contain the following items of information:

1. ship name (former names, if there have been changes in the last several years, should be noted in "remarks")
2. gross registered tonnage

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3. flag
4. registered owner
5. routing data
6. cargo carried
7. charter information
8. remarks

Items (1), (2), (3), and (4) are self-explanatory. Item (5) should contain ports of arrival, departure and dates. Item (6) should reflect cargo data contained in all U.S. agency reports on a particular voyage. This will require some special arrangements to insure prompt routing of all such reports to the ONI unit from other agencies. Further discussion of this point is contained in paragraph 2-b below. If U.S. origin cargoes can be identified, this should be clearly noted. Item (7) should contain the name of the charterer, the type of charter arrangement and any other details known. Item (8) should contain such additional information as beneficial owner (if known), bunkering arrangements, charter broker involved, freight rate quotations, currencies or clearings used in payment (as available in Lloyd's List and Shipping Gazette), former names if the vessel has been renamed in the last several years, etc.

The compilations should include details of voyages from non-bloc to bloc ports, and also intra-bloc voyages between any of the following maritime regions: Baltic Sea, Barents-White Sea, Black Sea, China, Soviet Far East (Maritime Provinces).

The compilation for non-Communist flag vessels should be issued separately from the compilation of Communist flag vessels engaged in the same trade. It is presumed that the latter will bear a higher security classification than the former.

A special summary compilation of all vessels arriving in Chinese ports should also be issued monthly. This compilation should show the number of arrivals by vessel flag and country of origin.

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b. Cargo Information

It is hoped that the ONI unit preparing the above reports can serve as a central repository for all U.S. agency reporting on both vessel movement and cargo information in East-West and intra-bloc trade. No other government agency is performing this service at present. If the cargo information in the monthly reports discussed above is to be meaningful, arrangements should be made to insure that all pertinent information is routed promptly to this unit. Moreover, within the unit, special arrangements for screening, carding, and filing the information will have to be made if EDAC requirements -- both routine and ad hoc -- are to be met.

c. Service of Ad Hoc Requests

Special compilations, not contained in the monthly reports discussed above, will be requested from time to time to meet specific negotiating needs, for inclusion in congressional presentations, etc.

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